

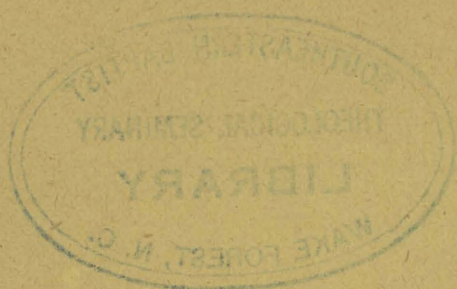
MINUTES

OF THE

Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Association

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Of the Eighth Annual Session of the Mount Pleasant Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Church at St. Paul, Washington County, Georgia, October 26th, 27th and 28th, 1894.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. Noah Lawrence, from Paul's letter to Timothy, iv. 16: "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." Then fifteen minutes' intermission.

2nd. The messengers assembled in the house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Mosley.

3rd. Called for and read letters from the several churches, and minuted their state. All were represented, and generally in peace.

4th. Organized the body by re-electing EL D. A. MUNLIN Moderator, and W. HODGES Clerk.

5th. Read the Decorum.

6th. On motion, adopted the order of our last Association as the order of business for the present.

7th. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

8th. Called for petitionary letters. One from the church at New Hope, by the hands of Bro. M. Goodman, and was received by giving the right hand of fellowship to her messenger.

9th. Appointed the following brethren to arrange preaching: Bros. A. McRae, L. Kenedy, H. Moore, G. W. Smith, W. H. Riggs.

10th. Called for the report on preaching, which is as follows: Saturday morning, 10 o'clock, Eld. M. Barnar to preach, followed by Eld. A. Eason; afternoon, Eld. A. Jackson to preach, followed by Eld. W. Hodges.

11th. Adjourned until Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING.

12th. Met Saturday morning according to adjournment. Sang hymn, and after prayer by Eld. W. Hodges, called the roll. All the delegates present.

13th. Appointed the following committee to arrange General Meeting: Bros. G. Jackson, James Hall, T. Brunner, J. Moore, I. C. Smith.

14th. Called for the report on General Meeting. Committee reported the general meeting to be held with the church at Bethel, Bulloch county, Georgia, four miles south of Statesboro, Ga., and said General Meeting to convene on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in June, 1895.

15th. Called for corresponding letters. One from the Ocmulgee Association, by the hands of Elds. Noah Lawrence and M. Barner, the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

16th. Appointed the following brethren to write the corresponding letter: Bros. Daniel Cook and G. W. Smith.

17th. On motion, agreed that the Association be held with the church at Eden, Tattnall county, Georgia, three miles west of Cobb Station, Stillmore & Air Line R. R., which Association will convene on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1895.

18th. On motion, read the circular letter. It was read and received, and on motion, agreed to insert in the minutes.

19th. Appointed Eld. A. Jackson to write the next circular letter.

20th. On motion, agreed to have 200 copies of minutes printed, and the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

21st. Called for the contributions, and contributed to W. Hodges \$11.00 for minutes, and to the Moderator \$19.00 for messengers.

22nd. Called for the corresponding letter, which was read and received.

23rd. Appointed the following brethren as messengers to the Ocmulgee Association: Eld. A. Jackson and Bro. Daniel Cook; Eld. J. B. Mosley, alternate.

24th. On motion, agreed to hear the minutes read.

25th. On motion, agreed to adjourn until our next Association, and we hope to meet a goodly number of brethren and sisters there.

A. MUNLIN, Moderator.

WASHINGTON HODGES, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING FROM DAY TO DAY.

Saturday morning, 10 o'clock, Eld. M. Barnar preached from Matt. xi. 19, followed by Eld. A. Eason, 1 Cor. ii. 9. Afternoon, Eld. A. Jackson preached from First Epistle of Paul to Timothy, 18, followed by Eld. W. Hodges, Eph. v. 1, 2.

Sunday Morning—Bro. Daniel Cook preached at 10 o'clock from Gen. ii. 10, followed by Eld. Noah Lawrence. Afternoon, Eld. M. Barnar preached from John xiv. 6, followed and closed by Eld. A. Munlin, from Acts of the Apostles xx. 28.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Lord which Compose the Mount Pleasant Association, and also to our Sister Associations, with whom we Correspond:

DEARLY BELOVED—We desire to address you in the spirit of love, and to call your attention to a portion of the blessed Word of God, which you will find in St. John xiii. 33, 34. Here we see that the Lord called his disciples little children, and said, "Yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me, and as I said unto the Jews, whither I go ye cannot come. So now I say to you, a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." We see in this, dear brethren, that there was a trying time just ahead of his dear disciples that they did not know, but he knew it, and he knew all the trials that they had to meet with, and he knows ours too. You see, dear brethren, that it was but a little while that he was with them; so it is with us. It is but a little while at a time that we can feel as we desire to feel. I hope, brethren and sisters, one and all, that you will keep in remembrance this new commandment which he gave to his little children, that is to "Love one another as I have loved you." Now, it requires self-denial and self-mortifying to do this. We must seek to please the Lord in all things, and by love serve one another. Let us meet at our conferences and attend to the business that the Lord assigned to us, for he tells us not to love in word, but in deed and in truth. It is in this way that we keep the commandment. So, dear brethren, let us watch and be sober and try to live at each other's feet and admonish each other.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble" (Ps. iv. 1). We see that all this comes in connection with what is written above. The Lord's people are a little people, and a poor people, and must consider this, for they have the spirit of it. So, dear brethren, farewell. Ask for the old path and walk therein.

A. MUNLIN, Moderator.

W. HODGES, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD: Through the tender mercy of our Heavenly Father, we are spared to meet in another associate capacity to transact the business assigned us in peace, we are glad to say, and give praise to God that our churches were all represented and all generally in peace. Our correspondence was not as full as we desired, but we were made to rejoice at the coming of your much appreciated correspondence, and we do sincerely hope a continuance of your correspondence with us in our next Association, which will convene with the church at Eden, Tattnall county, Ga., on Stillmore & Air Line R. R., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1895; and we do hope that we will meet with a goodly number at that time. So we hope that we will all meet again.

A. MUNLIN, Moderator.

W. HODGES, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the Primitive Churches, were formerly from the Upper and Lower Canoochee Associations, met together and composed the Mt. Pleasant Association, viz.: Bank's Creek, St. Paul, Bethlehem, Mt. Pisgah and Eden. Delegates from these churches met on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1887, at Bank's Creek Church, and did then and there agree to unite on the following principles:

1. This Association shall, if they think proper, meet annually as an advisory council.
2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers from the several churches, so that each church may have two Messengers, if they choose, and no more, and the Messengers' names shall be inserted in their letters.
3. This Association shall have power to make its own rules to govern itself, while in session, but none of its rules shall be binding on the churches, for they are free, and of right ought to be.
4. It shall be the duty of this Association to give her best advice, in cases of difficulty, and endeavor to keep up a union among the churches, and arrange general meetings.
5. This Association may admit into its body any church whom they shall find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also, if any church in our order wishes to withdraw from this body, she may do so at her discretion, or, on application, she may have a letter of dismission.
6. As the love of money is the root of all evil, and has produced so much distress among people, and we, wishing to live in peace, therefore, this Association shall not encourage religious speculations called missionary, or by any other name, under pretence of supporting the gospel.
7. We, the churches composing this Association, believing the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, declare that we take the New Testament for the rules of our faith and practice, for we are not under the Law, but under Grace.

W. HODGES, *Clerk*.

ELD. A. MUNLIN, *Moderator*.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

- 1st. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe in the fall of man and the inability to recover himself.
3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.
4. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final preservation of the Saints.
5. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God.
6. We believe that Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the washing of Saints' feet an example, and that no man has the right to administer the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.
7. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.
8. We believe in a final judgment; in a future reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

W. HODGES, *Clerk*.

ELD. A. MUNLIN, *Moderator*.

DECORUM.

1. This Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our body, shall compose the Mt. PLEASANT ASSOCIATION. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, with those received, excluded or dead since our last Association.
3. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, and who shall hold their offices until the next election.
4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions. He shall have the same right of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, but shall not vote, except the body be equally divided.
5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of this Association, and the minutes then shall be read and amended, if necessary, and signed by the Clerk and Moderator.
6. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admission who, upon examination, is found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to its delegates.
7. Each church shall have a right to send two delegates to this Association and no more.
8. Every query presented to the Association shall be from church authority.
9. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the action of the Association, except withdrawn by the person who made it, with the consent of the Association.
10. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.
11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave of the Association.
12. There shall be no talking in time of public speech, nor reflection cast upon the speaker.
13. Whenever a case is decided by vote, there shall be no more debating on the subject.
14. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
15. Whereas, There are so many institutions of men (benevolent, so-called), and believing it to be our duty to provide for a general union of the churches, we therefore declare non-fellowship with all of them, and that we will not hold any church in union with us that is connected with all or either of them, or their kindred relation, holding them to be unscriptural.
16. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches; to give her best advice in matters of difficulty, and if the union between any of the sister churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and to use her endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches that may be unsound in the faith or immoral in practice, until they be reformed.
17. To keep up a correspondence with other Associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of connection may be preserved among the churches.
18. To invite ministers of our faith and order to seats with us.
19. These Rules shall be read at every Association previous to entering on business.

A. MUNLIN, *Moderator.*

W. HODGES, *Clerk.*

PREACHING DAYS AT EACH CHURCH.

Banks Creek.....	Sunday and Saturday before
St. Paul	Third Sunday
Mt. Pisgah.....	Third
Eden	First
Bethlehem.....	Fourth
Bethel	Second
Zion.....	First
New Hope.....	First

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	MESSENGERS	POST OFFICES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Recommended	Expelled	Restored	Dead	Total	For Minutes	Messengers
Banks Creek	Bulloch.....	J. Hall, W. Hodges.....	Blitch.....	1	1	1	1	15	\$ 2 50	\$ 1 50		
St. Paul	Washington.	G. W. Smith, I. C. Smith	Riddleville	1	1	1	1	1 69	3 00	6 00		
Mt. Pisgah	Bulloch.....	A. McKee, W. H. Riggs	Laston.....	1	1	1	1	8	1 00	1 50		
Bethel.....	Bulloch.....	H. Moore, J. Moore.....	Statesboro.	3	1	1	1	19	2 00	3 00		
Eden.....	Tattnall.....	G. Jackson.....	Collin.....	1	1	1	1	21	1 00	3 00		
Bethlehem.....	Emanuel.....	S. Green, E. Jordan.....	Collin.....	4	1	1	1	14	1 00	2 00		
Zion Hill.....	Tattnall.....	D. Cook, L. Kenedy.....	Belnap.....	1	1	1	1	9	1 00	1 00		
New Hope.....	Bulloch.....	M. Goodman.....	Arcola.....	1	1	1	1	6	50	1 00		

CHURCHES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICES
Banks Creek....	Washington Hodges....	James Hall.....	Blitch, Ga.
St. Paul.....	J. B. Mosley.....	G. W. Smith.....	Riddleville, Ga.
Eden.....	A. Eason.....	G. Jackson.....	Collins, Ga.
Mt. Pisgah.....	A. Munlin.....	W. H. Riggs....	Laston, Ga.
Bethel.....	W. Hodges.....	H. Moore.....	Statesboro, Ga.
Bethlehem.....	J. B. Mosley.....	G. W. Watson....	Statesboro, Ga.
Zion Hill.....	A. Jackson.....	G. W. Watson....
New Hope.....	W. Hodges.....	H. Groover.....	Iric, Ga.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

ELD. A. MUNLIN	Laston, Ga.
ELD. A. JACKSON	Collins, Ga.
ELD. A. EASON	Quince, Ga.
ELD. J. B. MOSLEY.....	Riddleville, Ga.
ELD. W. HODGES	Blitch, Ga.

LICENTIATES.

DANIEL COOK	Joselyn, Ga.
W. H. HANES	Harrison, Ga.
G. W. WATSON	Summertown, Ga.

